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Application No.: 09/841,299  
Confirmation No.: 3896  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
TO INCREASE A POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,299, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON CONTAINING FORMATION TO INCREASE A POROSITY OF THE FORMATION.

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**Application Elements**

1. ☒ Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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3. Amendments

☐ An amendment is enclosed.

☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_.

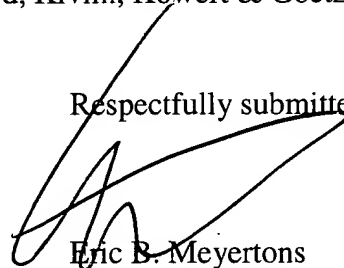
5. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

6. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If an extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

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